(b) whether it is also a fact that books are being black-marketed due to the shortage;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any step to overcome the shortage of these books; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is mandated to print and supply textbooks for the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) including Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navadoya Vidyalayas. A vast majority of schools in the country use textbooks developed by State Councils of Educational Research & Training, State Text-book Corporations, State Examination Boards and Private Publishers etc. Some States have been given, on their request, copyright permission to reprint some/all NCERT textbooks and at times, delay in printing and distribution of these books by them may result in students of these States purchasing NCERT textbooks meant for CBSE affiliated schools.

(b) Whenever NCERT receives complaints of blackmarketing or piracy of textbooks, action is taken to lodge police complaints. 3 such complaints have already been lodged by NCERT.

(c) and (d) Wherever shortages are reported in the CBSE affiliated system, NCERT has responded through its network of 235 approved wholesale agencies.

Irregularities in private schools

†1986. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the financial irregularities, arbitrary attitude in admission and other irregularities being committed by the private schools in the country, particularly in Delhi;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are chalking out any plan to check the financial irregularities and arbitrary attitude in admission in the private schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Education being a Concurrent subject, regulation of private schools is in the domain of the respective State Governments. Government of NCT of Delhi during inspections in 2005-06, observed financial and other irregularities in some private un-aided recognised schools. Such irregularities are dealt with under the provisions of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules (DESR), 1973. Government of NCT of Delhi have also ordered an inquiry against certain schools in respect of complaints regarding arbitrary admissions. They have also chalked out a plan under Rule 190 of the DSER, 1973 to conduct annual inspections of private schools to periodically look into financial and other irregularities.

Appointment of developing NCERT textbooks

1987. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Chief Advisors, Advisors and Chairpersons of Textbook Advisory Committee appointed from among the NCERT's academic staff for developing the new Textbooks of the NCERT;

(b) the number of Chairpersons of Textbook Advisory Committee, Chief Advisory and Advisors appointed from NGOs for this purpose; and

(c) how much money has been spent by the NCERT on these Chairpersons, Chief Advisors and Advisors for the development of new book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No academic staff from National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been appointed as Chairperson or Chief Advisor of any Textbook Advisory Committee for developing the new textbooks.